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Dan L. Stanford

Stanford And Associates

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Major Cases

Dan Stanford is the senior member of Stanford And Associates, with more than 40 years of jury trial experience. Stanford is a nationally-recognized expert in the prosecution of legal malpractice and malicious prosecution claims, and his practice is strictly limited to the representation of clients (plaintiffs) in such cases. He is a California Certified Specialist in legal malpractice law.

Stanford has consistently been profiled in Southern California Super Lawyers, selected as one of the Best Lawyers in America, named by California Lawyer as one of the leading plaintiff's legal malpractice attorneys in California, recognized in San Diego Magazine as the top legal malpractice firm in San Diego, and honored as one of the Top 25 Lawyers in San Diego.

Professional Background

Although Stanford is the only lawyer in Southern California who limits his practice to representing clients in cases against lawyers and law firms, he has the unique ability to analyze any case from both sides. He was trained during the first 16 years of his career on the defense side, first as a partner at Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, and then as a partner at Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro. Stanford graduated from law school in 1975 and prior to joining Luce Forward, served for two years as the law clerk to the Honorable Malcolm M. Lucas (retired chief justice of the California Supreme Court).

Professional Affiliations

Stanford is an active member of the San Diego County Bar Association, the Consumer Attorneys Association and the San Diego Inn of Court. He regularly lectures and publishes on the subject of legal malpractice, has appeared on radio and television programs and has been profiled or quoted in numerous newspapers and magazines, including Newsweek, Readers Digest, USA Today, San Diego Magazine and California Lawyer.



Personal Affiliations

Throughout his 40-year career, Stanford has been active in the community, serving on the boards of numerous charitable organizations. In 1982, he was selected as the Outstanding Young Citizen of San Diego County and one of Five Outstanding Young Californians for 1982. He was selected as one of America's Outstanding Young Men of 1983 and was honored by the San Diego Legal Secretary's Association as the 1982 Boss of the Year.

Personal Background

Stanford was the oldest son of a chef and waitress, raised in Arizona, attended school on the Yavapai Indian Reservation and was the first member of his extended family to ever graduate from college. He has worked continuously since age 11.

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